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SUBJECT: UNIDO-FIRST CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, INNSBRUCK, NOVEMBER 7-11

1. SUMMARY. CONSULTATION WAS WELL-ATTENDED, ESPECIALLY BY PARTICIPANTS FROM INDUSTRY AND TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION WAS VIGOROUS AND FRANK ABOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING INDUSTRY IN BOTH DC'S AND LDC'S AND CONSTRAINTS ON "REDEPLOYMENT" BUT ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S WILL CONTINUE. GENERALLY SATISFACTORY REPORT WAS PRODUCED DESPITE SOME INITIAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY SECRETARIAT'S HANDLING OF DRAFT. REPORT RECORDS SIGNIFICANT VIEWS OF PARTICIPANTS AND RECOMMENDS AREAS FOR FOLLOW ACTION BY UNIDO AND OTHER BODIES. CONDUCT OF MEETING SERVED TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. POSITION THAT CONSULTATION IS NOT RPT NOT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATION. END SUMMARY.

2. UNIDO'S "FIRST CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY", HELD IN INNSBRUCK, NOVEMBER 7-11, WAS WELL ATTENDED AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY
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FOR VIGOROUS AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR "REDEPLOYMENT" OF INDUSTRY. DC PARTICIPANTS, WHO OUTNUMBERED, LDC COUNTERPARTS BY ALMOST TWO-TO-ONE, INCLUDED MANY INDUSTRY AND TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES. EUGENE KILIK, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TANNERS COUNCIL, ONLY U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPANT, WAS ONE OF LEADERS IN DISCUSSION AND PLAYED ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE BOTH IN PLENARY

SESSIONS AND IN VARIOUS FORMAL AND INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUPS THAT WORKED ON REPORT OF MEETING. UK HAD WELL-PREPARED AND ARTICULATE 9-MAN REPRESENTATION. PARTICIPANTS FROM FRG, FRANCE, SPAIN, NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM, AMONG OTHERS FROM DC'S AND INDIA, TUNISIA, CHAD, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, AMONG LDC'S, ALSO HAD IMPORTANT IMPACT ON PROCEEDINGS. EASTERN EUROPEANS' INTERVENTIONS WERE LIMITED. CHINESE WERE NOT PRESENT.

3. PLENARY DISCUSSION BROUGHT OUT SUBSTANTIAL CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION WITH FRENCH GOING AS FAR AS TO CALL DRAFT WORLDWIDE STUDY "DISHONEST" (WHICH DREW ANGRY BUT NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCING REBUTTAL FROM SECRETARIAT) AND SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED SOME OF PITFALLS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THERE HAD BEEN MORE ADVANCE CONTACT WITH INDUSTRY AND TRADE UNION SOURCES. DC PARTICIPANTS EMPHASIZED PRESENT GLOBAL OVER-CAPACITY IN INDUSTRY, CURRENT INADEQUACY OF HIDE AND SKIN SUPPLIES AND PROBABILITY THAT THEY WILL NOT GROW AS RAPIDLY AS DRAFT STUDY PROJECTED, AND ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY DECLINE WHICH HAS ALREADY OCCURRED IN THEIR OWN INDUSTRIES AND THE RESULTING UNEMPLOYMENT. MANY POINTED TO THE NEED FOR LDC'S TO AVOID RESTRICTIVE EXPORT AND IMPORT POLICIES AND TO PROVIDE A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR INVESTMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. DC PARTICIPANTS RESISTED PRESSURE TO "CHOOSE" ONE OF SECRETARIAT'S GROWTH SCENARIOS FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL
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THE YEAR 2000, POINTING OUT THE DIFFICULTY OF FORECASTING EVEN 3 OR 4 YEARS AHEAD IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES WHERE REASONABLE DATA BASES EXIST. ON THE MORE POSITIVE SIDE, THEY REFERRED FREQUENTLY TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS BEEN FLOWING TO LDC'S AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THIS FLOW. LDC PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MOST PART TOOK A REALISTIC VIEW OF SITUATION, ACKNOWLEDGING MATERIAL SUPPLIES MORE FULLY BY INCREASING THE QUANTITY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF HIDES AND SKINS COLLECTED. THEY REQUESTED MORE ASSISTANCE AND BETTER ACCESS TO DC MARKETS AND, NATURALLY, OPTED FOR THE MOST FAVORABLE GROWTH SCENARIO.

4. REPORT OF CONSULTATION WHICH WAS APPROVED AT FINAL PLENARY SESSION ENDING AT 9:00 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING IS, AS RESULT OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATION (SEE NEXT PARAGRAPH), REASONABLY

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BALANCED AND MEETS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) REQUIREMENT THAT ALL SIGNIFICANT VIEWS BE REFLECTED. MISSION WILL POUCH COPIES AS SOON AS CLEAR VERSION IS PRINTED. KEY PARAGRPHS IN TERMS OF "CONCLUSIONS" ARE PARAGRAPH 16, WHICH SUGGESTS GERNAL ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH LDCS SHOULD BASE PLANS, AND PARAGRPHS 40 ET SEQ. WHICH RECOMMEND A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH UNIDO, IN COLLABORATION WITH FAO AND OTHR ITERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS APPROPRIATE, MIGHT USEFULLY DO FURTHER WORK. REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF PANEL TO ACT AS STEERING GROUP TO OVERSEE FOLLOWUP AND REPORT TO A SECOND CONSULTATION, BUT RECOGNIZES THAT DECISION ON THIS IS MATTER FOR IDB.

5. ONE SOUR NOTE TO MISSION AND MANY OF DC PARTICIPANTS WAS PERFORMANCE OF SOME MEMBERS OF UNIDO SECRETAIAT WHICH WAS INJUDICIOUS AND EVEN UNPROFESSIONAL. EGREGIOUS EXAMPLE WHICH RAISED HACKLES OF TRADE UNIONISTS WAS GRATUITOUS INTERVENTION BY CHIEF SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN (AREF) SUGGESTING THAT CONCERNS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT IN DCS WERE OVERDRAWN BECAUSE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS USE GENEROUS COMPENSATION PAYMENTS "TO HOLIDAY IN MALLORCA". MORE IMPORTANT TO CONDUCT OF MEETING WAS FACT THAT FIRST SECTION OF DRAFT REPORT, WHICH SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON THIRD DAY OF MEETING, APPEARED TO REFLECT, AS KILIK STATED IN PLENARY, SECRETARIAT'S PRECONCEIVED IDEAS AND DOWNPLAYED OR IGNORED MOST IMPORTANT POINTS MADE BY DC PARTICIPANTS. FROM THIS POINT ON, EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF TIME WAS SPENT NEGOTIATING IMPROVED LANGUAGE FOR REPORT AT EXPENSE OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN PLENARY. REPORT THAT EVENTUALLY

EMERGED WAS REASONABLE SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED, BUT PROCESS BY WHICH IT HAD TO BE WORKED OUT WAS ANNOYING PARTICULARLY TO PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPANTS UNFAMILIAR WITH UN PRACTICES, WHO HUNG AROUND CORRIDORS AWAITING RESULTS OF SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS' EFFORTS AND MUTTERED ABOUT UNREALITY OF THE SITUATION.

6. CONDUCT OF MEETING SERVED TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. VIEW, SHARED BY MANY OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES, THAT CONSULTATION IS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG INFORMED "PARTICIPANTS"

AND IN NO SENSE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATION. MOST DC PARTICIPANTS REFRAINED FROM PUTTING FORWARD COUNTRY POSITIONS. THEY ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AS INDIVIDUALS, WERE FREQUENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIRMAN (PERTTI HELLEMAA, A TANNER FROM FINLAND) BY NAME RATHER THAN COUNTRY AFFILIATION, AND CLEARLY WERE EXPRESSING PERSONAL (OR INDUSTRY OR UNION) VIEWS. GROUP B MET OCCASIONALLY FOR CONSULTATIONS AND, IN CASE OF REPORT-DRAFTING EXERCISE, TO TRY TO REACH CONSENSUS ON ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE BUT DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE A GROUP B "SPOKESMAN" (CARSTENSEN OF FRG MADE CLEAR AT OUTSET THAT HE WOULD CHAIR GROUP ON INFORMAL BASIS BUT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FRG NOT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GROUP AND WOULD NOT DO SO). IN CASES WHERE IT WAS NECESSARY FOR GROUP B TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT REPORT, THESE WERE PUT FORWARD ON INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OR AS SUGGESTIONS OF "PARTICIPANTS FROM OECD COUNTRIES". PARTICIPANTS FROM

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VIENNA MISSIONS OF KEY GROUP B COUNTRIES (U.S., UK, FRG, FRANCE, JAPAN, BELGIUM, AMONG OTHERS) PLAYED LOW-KEY AND BACKSTAGE ROLE, INTERVENING IN PLENARY ONLY IN FINAL MINUTES TO PROPOSE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO REPORT., E.G., TO MAKE CLEAR THAT NOT ALL PARTICIPANTS (READ: THEMSELVES) NECESSARILY

SUPPORTED ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT PROPOSAL FOR PANEL AND A SECOND CONSULTATION ON LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS MUST BE REFERRED TO IDB.

7. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF THIS CONSULTATION SHOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR U.S. DEL COMMENTS WHEN IDB REVIEWS SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS AT MAY 1978 SESSION. LEARY

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